

ing confidence. The Democratic State committee to-night hit up their figures a bit. That is, they claim to have narrowed the probable margin of a McKinley victory in the State to about 5,000, the outside figures proclaimed last night. On the State ticket the claim of a minimum majority of 1,000 for Bronson for Governor is raised to 7,000.

The Democrats also claim the defeat of Sperry (Rep.) in the Second congressional district by a close vote, and in the language of the committee chairman, "Hill (Republican) candidate for Congress in the Fourth district has no walkover." The Democrats also claim that they will elect fifteen out of the twenty-four State senators.

The Republican leaders concede nothing, and with much calmness claim a sweeping victory throughout the State, on President, State officers, members of Congress and the General Assembly.

IN SIBLEY'S DISTRICT

Is the Most Noteworthy Contest Pending in Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4.—There have been practically no developments to-day in the political campaign in this State and none is looked for beyond the always-to-be expected last cards and the final claims to be made by the state chairman of the respective parties.

Whatever developments took place to-day have been confined almost entirely to putting the finishing touches to the leaders' plans in those congressional and legislative districts where there are contests of any moment. The two most notable fights for Congress are in the Twenty-seventh and the Third districts. The former comprises Warrington, Warren, McKean and Chester counties, in the northwestern part of the State. Representative Joseph C. Sibley, who was elected to a second term in 1896, is the incumbent. He is a Democrat and is expected to be defeated by a plurality of 2,000 over C. W. Stone (Rep.), but who during the recent session of Congress announced his allegiance to the Republican party, is the candidate against Lewis E. Miller, Jr. (Dem.).

The Third district, formerly represented by Hon. Samuel J. May Jr. (Rep.), is in Philadelphia, and is the scene of another fight. Representative McAllester (Dem.) and Henry Burk (Rep.) are the candidates. Both are of the same party, but the latter is a Republican and the former a Democrat. The fight is expected to be a close one.

In those legislative districts where there are contests, to-day was one of labor rather than of rest. Every effort was being made by the leaders of the Quay and anti-Quay factions to bring their forces into line for Tuesday's conflict.

Wannamaker Offers Rewards.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4.—The ex-postmaster general, John Wannamaker, forwarded a communication to-day to the Business Men's Republican League committee of 100, Municipal League, Trades' League and the Law and Order Society, in which he announces that he has deposited in a trust company \$50,000 in marketable bonds to secure the payment of that amount in cash to the first representative of the various organizations to be used as funds to defray the necessary expenses for the investigation of frauds against the State and the city of Philadelphia.

RIVAL COLORADO FIGURES.

Democrats Claim It for Bryan, Republicans for State Ticket.

DENVER, Nov. 4.—State Chairman Milton Smith, of the Democratic party, to-day estimated Bryan's plurality in Colorado at the coming election at 75,000. Although a complete fusion on the State ticket was effected when the State conventions of the Democrats, Silver Republicans and Populists were held, each party has maintained separate headquarters during the campaign. The chairman of the other two fusion parties do not estimate Bryan's plurality quite so liberally, but both agree that it will be over 50,000. The claim of the fusionists as to the result in the State election is that James B. Orman (Dem.) will win by 5,000. Silver Republican State Chairman W. A. Griffith says that not more than twelve members of the next Legislature will be pledged to vote for Senator E. O. Wicks to succeed Governor Representative Bell's election is claimed by 20,000 and Shafron's by 10,000. In Arapahoe county, where the fight is expected to be a close one, it is believed that the Democrats will win by a majority of 10,000. In the field, the Democrats will not draw greatly from their support. Republican State Chairman C. D. Ford, while making no reference to the result of the election, says:

REPUBLICAN WEATHER.

Clear Skies Promised for Monday and on Election Day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The weather bureau to-night issued the following:

"Sunday, Nov. 4, 10 p. m.—Special forecast for Tuesday, Nov. 6:

"For the first ten days the weather map shows a clear sky over the whole region from the Pacific to the Atlantic, except over a small area in the middle Atlantic coast, where some rain is falling, as a result of a severe storm, the center of which is off Hatteras.

"The pressure is high over the western half of the country. These conditions will surely give clear, fine weather and pleasant temperatures in all States on Monday, except possibly in the middle Atlantic coast, where it is possible for a storm to develop somewhere in this broad area by Tuesday, the conditions are unusually favorable for the continuation of the fine weather of Monday over and throughout Tuesday."

The general forecast for Monday and Tuesday follows:

For Ohio and Indiana—Fair weather and pleasant temperatures. For the West and Tuesday, light west to northwest winds.

For Lower Michigan—Fair weather and pleasant temperatures on Monday and Tuesday; fresh west to north winds.

For Illinois—Fair weather and pleasant temperatures on Monday and Tuesday; fresh northerly winds.

Local Observations on Sunday.

Bar. Ther. R.H. Wind. Pre. W.ther. 7 a. m. 30.12 55 64 S. Clear 0.00 7 p. m. 30.36 60 48 S. West Clear 0.00

Maximum temperature, 65; minimum temperature, 44.

Following is a comparative statement of the mean temperature and total precipitation for Sunday, Nov. 4.

Temp. Pre. Normal 47 12

Departure 13 12

Departure since Nov. 1 22 11

Departure since Jan. 1 467 315

Plus C. F. R. WAPPENHANS, Local Forecast Official.

Yesterday's Temperatures.

Stations. Min. Max. 7 p. m. Atlanta, Ga. 64 72 60

the national election, says: "The entire Republican State ticket will be elected. Arapahoe county will give a substantial McKinley majority, and the outside county will come down to Arapahoe with a fair Republican plurality."

MORE HOPEFUL IN MISSOURI.

Republicans Expect to Carry the State for Both Tickets.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 4.—The political situation in Missouri to-night is somewhat changed from that outlined in these dispatches last night. The Democrats reiterate their ability to carry the national ticket to victory by from 40,000 to 50,000. The Republicans, on the other hand, still entertain the belief that they will capture the gubernatorial plum, but even go further than they did yesterday and predict that Missouri will give McKinley a small majority.

The chairman of the Republican state committee to-day issued the following: "The results of the election on Tuesday next will only go to prove a surprise. The national and State tickets will make sweeping gains in every section of the State, and it is not impossible that the electoral vote will be cast for William McKinley, Joseph R. Bryan, the Republican candidate for Governor, the popular idol of the people of Missouri, and we expect to elect him Governor of this great State on Tuesday next."

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Expect to Carry Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 4.—Headquarters of both the Democratic and Republican state committees to-night gave out statements relative to Tuesday's election in Tennessee. Chairman Fitzpatrick, Democrat, declares there is an assured Democratic victory. He gives no figures. L. W. Kennedy, in charge of the Republican headquarters here, claims a gain of three representatives and the election of one Democrat. He expects material gains in the Legislature. Tennessee, he asserts, will place herself in the Republican column by electing John E. McCall Governor and giving McKinley a majority.

Expect 33,000 in Vermont.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Nov. 4.—Ever since there has been a Republican party Vermont has given her electoral vote to the national candidates of that organization and there is nothing to indicate that this year will witness any change in that respect. The Republican chairman issued the following: "Missouri will give Bryan a large majority. It will give Mr. Dockery, Governor, the popular idol of the people of Missouri, and we expect to elect him Governor of this great State on Tuesday next."

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First in the East.

DEMOCRATS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THEIR DIRTY WORK.

W. H. Evans, a Reputable Republican, Selected as the First Victim.

ARRESTED ON AN AFFIDAVIT

HE IS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO BUY GEORGE F. KUHN.

Mr. Evans Had Not Seen Kuhn for Three Months—The Facts in the Case.

The desperate circumstances in which the Democrats find themselves on the eve of the election, on the result of which they have made such extravagant and baseless claims, resulted last night in the arrest of a reputable Republican on a warrant charging an attempt to bribe George F. Kuhn, the Democratic judge of election in the First ward of the city.

William H. Evans, the custodian of the Commercial Club building, was the man selected as the victim of the despicable scheme. The warrant was sworn out by Charles F. Meyers, a carpenter, living at 113 Concordia street.

The warrant charges that on the 4th day of November Evans offered and promised to pay Kuhn \$50 to induce Kuhn to permit the ballots cast in the election to-morrow in the first precinct of the Tenth ward for the Democratic candidates for office to be counted as cast for the Republican candidates.

The warrant further charges that Evans well knew that Kuhn had been appointed as judge of the election.

The statements of Evans to friends, who attest his good reputation, furnished the best evidence for the indictment. The first statement was: "I do not know Kuhn except by sight, and I have not seen him for three months."

Evans said that Meyers, who made the affidavit against him, had three times solicited his co-operation in "selling out" the election to the Democrats. He refused to consider. Meyers, he said, had offered him \$500 to induce him to vote in the election, which was on Saturday evening, and explained inducement for the continuance of the meetings.

Evans said that he had seen Kuhn at his room for the last time, after which the affidavit was made charging overtures to Kuhn to induce him to vote for the Democrats.

The first meeting was on Thursday last, when Meyers was introduced to Evans in Evans's room by Charles Shoemaker, a carpenter living at 104 North Noble street. Meyers, he said, then made some overtures which Evans refused to consider. Meyers came back Saturday night, and on account of an engagement Evans told him he could not talk with him, but would at some other time.

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